

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 435
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law requires each school district to implement a program under which students may earn college credit in high school by completing certain advanced courses and allows the college credit to be earned through international baccalaureate, advanced placement, or dual credit courses; articulated postsecondary courses provided for local credit or articulated postsecondary advanced technical credit courses provided for state credit; or any combination of such courses. The law provides that a school district is not required to pay a student's tuition or other associated costs for taking such a course, but this statutory provision is set to expire September 1, 2013. By removing the scheduled expiration date, S.B. 435 seeks to make permanent a school district's exemption from the financial burden of assuming the cost of a student's college credit courses.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 435 amends the Education Code to remove the expiration date of September 1, 2013, for the statutory provision exempting a school district from being required to pay a student's tuition or other associated costs for taking a course in a college credit program.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, August 31, 2013.